



Carnforth Urban District.



MEDICAL

OFFICER'S

REPORT

For the Year 1905.



J. W. Smith. Steam Printer, Carnforth.

To the Chairman and Councillors OF THE Urban District of Carnforth.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my report for the year ended 31st December, 1905.

Population. The estimated population for the year is 3,100.

Deaths. Total numbers of deaths during the year 32, equal to a death rate of 10.3 per 1,000 of the population.

Total number of deaths during the year 1904, 32, equal to a death rate of 10.3 per 1,000 of the population.

Of the 32 deaths recorded during the year—

5 were under one year.

1 was over one year and under 5 years.

4 were over 5 ,, ,, 15 ,,

1 was over 15 ,, ,, 25 ,,

10 were over 25 ,, ,, 65 ,,

And 10 were over 65 years of age.

Causes of Death. Of the deaths certified during the year, 2 were from Scarlet Fever, 1 from Whooping Cough, 1 from Phthisis, 3 from Cancer, 1 from Bronchitis, 3 from Pneumonia, 2 from Alcoholism, 2 from Heart Disease, and 2 from Accident.

The number of deaths of infants under one year 6, equal to an infantile death rate of 76.2 per 1,000 of births registered.

Births. Total number of births during the year 85 (36 males males and 49 females, equal to a birth rate of 27.4 per 1,000 of the population.

Total number of births during the year 1904, 83 (43 males and 40 females) equal to a birth rate of 26.8 per 1,000 of the population.

Zymotic Diseases. During the year 58 cases of infectious diseases were notified, all being Scarlet Fever.

26 of the cases were removed to the isolation hospital, all the cases treated in the hospital made a very satisfactory recovery. Two of the cases treated at home terminated fatally.

The epidemic of Scarlet Fever was at its worst during the month of June, when both the National and British Schools were closed from the 11th of June to the 7th July following which date the schools took the usual summer holiday of a month.

During the year 1904 six cases of infectious diseases were notified.

Sewers and Sewage. No new Sewers have been laid during the year.

The Sewage of the district is disposed of by running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream, the Sludge being used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water cart down a twelve inch valve down the manholes. The house refuse is deposited in ash pits and is removed by contract made by the Council, which requires that each aspit be emptied every six weeks or more frequently if required. It is disposed of by being tipped upon the ground purchased by the Council for that purpose.

Systematic inspection of the district has been made by me during the year and the result given to your Council in the Medical Visiting Report Book.

Factories and Workshops. The different factories and workshops have been regularly inspected, and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition and answer the requirements of the Act.

Bakehouses. There are two bakehouses in the district, both are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

Slaughterhouses. The three slaughterhouses in the district have been regularly inspected, and are kept clean and in perfect sanitary condition.

Lodginghouses. There is no lodging house in the district.

Dairies and Cowsheds. The dairies and cowsheds have been inspected by me, and all are in a sanitary condition, except one or two that have gully grates inside the cowsheds. These I have recommended to be removed outside the cowsheds.

House Accommodation. I consider the accommodation for the working classes very satisfactory, special care having been taken by the Sanitary Inspector to the sewers of all new houses, and that the houses are perfectly fit for habitation before they are occupied.

Hospital Accommodation. The Isolation Hospital is an iron structure situated at Crag Bark, and has two wards, each to hold about six beds. There is a separate room for two Nurses, a Caretaker's detached residence, and the necessary outbuildings. It is built on a very good and dry eminence and is well isolated.

Water Supply. I consider the water supply satisfactory and pure. It is obtained from the Carnforth Waterworks Co.'s reservoir, situated at Withets, the gathering ground for which is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature, consequently the water is not hard, and is good for all domestic purposes.

The water passes through a system of Carbon Filters before being disposed of to the district

In addition to the ordinary water supply the Company have made arrangements with the Manchester Corporation to obtain a supply of water from their mains if the ordinary supply fall short.

Nuisances. During the year 8 notices (Verbal) were given for 25 Nuisances, all of which were complied with.

The Nuisances were as follows:—

Back Street requiring repairs	...	1
Closets require repair	...	2
Advertisement Board to be removed	...	1
Drains inspected	...	1
Ashpits require emptying	...	20
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Total		25

I have much pleasure in congratulating your Council upon the low death rate in the district, and although there were so many cases of Scarlet Fever, there was only two deaths (both of which occurred at the homes of the patients), which in my opinion is due to the prompt manner in which the cases were placed in the isolation hospital.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Edward S. Jackson, M.D. & C.M.,

Medical Officer of Health.

April 3rd, 1906.